Supt. J. A. Burke, Honored

"This is a delicious evening, when the whole body is one sense, and imbibes delight through every pore." Thus spoke Thoreau in his "Walden," and thus felt the teachers of the Appomattox Education Association and their guests, as they met on Thursday evening, April 6, in the Appomattox Elementary School, to honor the Superintendent of Appomattox County Schools, Mr. Jerry Allen Burke. Surely each one "imbibed delight" at the idea of paying tribute to one who so genuinely deserves it.

A carefully prepared, most delectable dinner was served in the school cafeteria, climaxed by the rendition of a solo by Mr. James Hall, a member of the Appomattox High School faculty. Immediately afterward, the guest of honor, Mr. Jerry Burke, the speaker for the occasion; Dr. Woodrow Wilkerson, the teachers and their invited guests including the entire family of Mr. Burke, adjourned to the artistically decorated auditorium. Here they were entertained by a solo by Miss Faye Wood, also a member of the Appomattox High School faculty.

In keeping with the idea of "Jerry Burke Night," Mr. Daniel le Roux, president of the A. E. A., opened the program with a few well-chosen remarks, concerning the worth, not only to the school system, but to the entire life of the county, of a man of Mr. Burke's stature. Following Mr. le Roux's remarks, Mr. Earl Smith, Supervisor of County Instruction, introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. Woodrow Wilkerson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

In his address, Dr. Wilkerson dealt largely in superlatives, as he reviewed the thirty-five years that Mr. Burke has devoted to public education. He pointed out various phases of the progress made by Mr. Burke. He cited the fact that through his thinking, planning, and unceasing efforts, Mr. Burke has increased the value of the educational facilities in Appomattox County from $96,800 in 1926 to $1,728,000 in 1961, and has increased the budget from $70,000 in 1926 to $511,000 in 1961. In addition, Dr. Wilkerson called attention to the excellent transportation system which has been built up, the great advance in teachers' salaries, and the almost unbelievable progress made in school consolidation in such a short period of time.

Although the progress made may be a measure of the greatness of Mr. Burke's business acumen, Dr. Wilkerson undoubtedly expressed the sentiments of the people when we affirmed that we were paying a greater tribute to the ideals this leader has established in the hearts of boys and girls through the years. No one has had greater concern for the moral fiber of the youth of Appomattox County. As Dr. Wilkerson stated, Mr. Burke never lost sight of good teaching in spite of his tireless exertion in choosing the right curriculum, in providing the proper buildings, in maintaining good public relations, and in keeping abreast of modern trends in education. Through all of this exhausting work, frequently rewarded, however, by outstanding success, Jerry Burke never lost his humility, his broad and sound perspective, or his calm, considered judgment. Even though much remained to be said, on this note Dr. Wilkerson brought his address to a close.

Miss Flora Belle Williams, principal of Appomattox Elementary School, followed Dr. Wilkerson with a refrain of more praise for a man so highly esteemed by his faculty, and his friends. Her part in the program was the presentation of a portrait of Mr. Burke to the children of Appomattox County. This presentation was made in the hope that these children may be constantly reminded of the Christian gentleman who has wrought so mightily in their behalf. It was a dramatic moment when this portrait was unveiled by two of Mr. Burke's grandchildren, Leigh Burke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Burke, III, of Petersburg, and Jane Burke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burke, Jr., of Richmond.

ABOVE: Supt. J. A. Burke again receives tribute at local meeting.

Mr. T. DeWitt Evans, chairman of the School Board accepted the splendid portrait for the children of the county, adding his tribute to those that had already been expressed.

The audience enjoyed all the oratory of the evening and concurred in the hope that our youth will emulate their noble leader. Yet, every one present felt that Mr. Burke's impromptu response to all the words of lofty acclaim was the high point of the entire meeting. His whole bearing was the essence of dignity, of humility — of greatness, as from a full heart he expressed his deep and humble appreciation of the honor bestowed upon him.

After Mr. Burke's remarks, the meeting closed with the singing by the entire audience of "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny." As the crowd dispersed, each person must have realized that he had witnessed a phenomenal event; namely, that of seeing a man so signally honored by his fellowmen during his term of active service.

—Contributed.

Spout Spring

Mrs. Jack Carpenter and son Kevin of Alexandria, Louisiana visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Ferguson Friday night. Robert Simms Eugene Martin and Dick Martin also visited in this same home Friday night. We are happy to report that Mr. Harry Reynolds and Mrs. John H. Cyrus who have been hospital patients are back home and on the road to recovery.

Those visiting Mrs. John H. Cyrus Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. William Martin of Colonial Heights and Mrs. Norman Ferguson and Miss. Dolly Ferguson.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reynolds Sunday were Mr. William Martin of Colonial Heights, Mr. and Mrs. David Cyrus, Jr. and Cindy of Lynchburg, Mrs. Norman Ferguson and Miss Dolly Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Hal T. Baber, of Warren, Virginia, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wootton visited their sister, Mrs. John Martin on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Norman L. Ferguson and son, Donny motored to Richmond on Sunday to visit his brother. Youth Week at the Spout Spring Bapt. Church was indeed a success. "The church is proud of the youngsters."

Mrs. Edell Martin and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus, Sr. are on the sick list at this time. We pray for them a speedy recovery.

Evergreen

Evergreen, April 11.- A number from here attended the 60th Anniversary of the Bank of Appomattox Saturday.

Mrs. Mildred Paulette and son, R. B., of Richmond, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Paulette.

Mrs. Eva Cawthorn, of Lynchburg is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. A. Young.

Mrs. Willie Mitchell is improving at her home after a fall. Hope she will soon be well.

Mr. H. D. Baker had the misfortune to hurt his hand last week. Hope he will soon be all right.

Mrs. Harry T. Ferguson and son, Herbert, of Vera, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Paulette, of Richmond spent the week - end with his mother, Mrs. Lottie Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell LeGrand, of Baltimore and baby, are visiting Mr. Archer LeGrand.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples spent Tuesday with Mrs. Sam White, of Timberlake Rd.

A number from here attended the Vesper Services at the Liberty Baptist Church Sunday P. M.

Mrs. Alice Jackson, Mrs. Ernest Farrar and Mrs. Leon Paulette are on the sick list. We wish for them a speedy recovery.

Stonewall

Stonewall, April 10.- We surely have had some rain over the week-end. Let's hope it will soon turn warm and everything will grow.

Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Spain and family, of Colonial Heights, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings, and her sister Mrs. Monroe Dysse, and two children. Dr. Thomas Jennings, of Bedford City visited in the Jennings and Dysee home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson spent Saturday in Covington with Rev. and Mrs. Bert Wilson and children. They spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Carson in Roanoke on their way home.

Rev. and Mrs. Jerron Smith and Mrs. Dorr, of Washington visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on last Wednesday evening.

Rev. Charlie Spain visited in the Chick home on Easter day. They are always so welcome in our home and our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant Sr. and family visited at Rustburg last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Younger and Mrs. Ruby Oaks.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Lee and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler, at Rustburg on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick visited with their daughter, Mrs. Henry Beard and Mr. Beard and Lawrence, on Sunday, to help celebrate Lawrence's birthday. We wish for him many more happy birthdays to come.

Mrs. Alma Jennings, Mrs. Lucy Drinkard, and Mr. Glenn Drinkard, of Lynchburg, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vacks Jennings and the Dysse's on Sunday evening. So glad to hear that Mrs. Jennings, who has been sick for some time is slowly improving. Hope she will soon be well once again.

The W. S. C. S. of Bethel Church will meet in the home of Mrs. Kelly Stratton Tuesday night. A good attendance is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carson and Miss Martha Carson have returned from a vacation in Florida. They report a wonderful time.

Mrs. Rufus Burnett and Mr. Tilden Lee visited Mr. Walter Lee at Appomattox on last Monday. They found him better, after being sick for some time.

DR. BOWEN TO SPEAK TO PAMPLIN FARMERS

Doctor LeRoy Bowen, Jr.,veterinarian for the State Animal Laboratory will meet with Pamplin farmers on Thursday April 13th in the Pamplin Elementary School. Doctor Bowen will be the discussion leader for the topic, "For Better Livestock", at the meeting scheduled to begin at 7:30 P. M. This will be the ninth in a series of meeting held for farmers in the Pamplin area in an effort to keep them abreast of current things in agriculture. These meetings are sponsored by the Pamplin Rurtian Club, with plans made by W. Lewis Motley, instructor of vocational agriculture and the Pamplin Farmers Class Advisory committee.

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Buck Hanson spoke right up. "Aren't any dogs to catch. Any stray turns up, and if the dog's healthy, Slim gives it to some youngster to keep for a pet. We don't want to elect a man who'd put harmless little pups in cages, do we?"

I guess we don't, because Slim got re-elected, and they even gave him a raise in

From where I sit, the... in our town are a pretty... bunch. Live and let live, ... say—and they don't just ... this old axiom to strays, ... Me, for instance. Most ... time a neighbor asks me ... for dinner he serves me ... of beer. He knows that ... preference, even though ... might be coffee or tea. T... no "catch" to being a ... neighbor — just be a ... one.

Joe Ma...

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ABOVE: Supt. Burke poses with two grandchildren, who unveiled ... at local school meeting.

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A Salute To Our Future Homemakers

Today we salute the Future Homemakers of America. This fine local group at our High School is in the midst of outstanding activities, some of which are shown on this page, and others elsewhere in this paper. We are proud of this fine organization and are happy to salute them.

Future Homemakers of America, of the Appomattox High Chapter, is presenting a television show April 23, at 2:30 P. M. Channel 13, Lynchburg. Therewill be a panel of five students to question of teen-age marriages. Participating in this program are Pat Thomas, Jane Martin, Suzanne Gills, Marilyn Kay Marand Barbara Thomas.

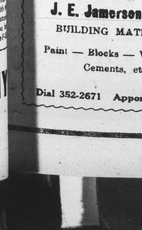
Shown above: Jane Martin, Suzanne Gills, Barbara Thomas, and Martin working on script for the television program.

F. H. A. Officers 1960-61. Seated, left to right: Jean Brown, Joyce Tolley, Velma Wooten, Joyce Moon and Diana McCormick. Not pictured Pat Thomas, president.

Harriett Harvey, Linda Anderson, and Rachel Richardson wrap gifts for the "adopted" girl.

"GIRL OF THE MONTH"

Jean Brown was chosen as the March F. H. A. Girl of the Month and officer candidate to the Campbell - Appomattox Federation of F. H. A. She has served as secretary of the club this year. She has been awarded the Junior and the Chapter Homemaker degrees, and has applied for the State Homemaker degree this year. Jean has been a most active member, taking part in all chapter and federation activities. Jean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Brown, of Appomattox.



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HIGHLIGHTS OF YEAR'S F. H. A. PROGRAM

High Lights of F. H. A. 1960-61 work for the degrees of achievAugust— Executive Council Meeting ment. Prepared bulletin board on of Local and Federation officers. degrees. Presented a play entitled Planned years program of work. "A Modern Cinderella" to student Prepared a bulletin board for body. corridor on program for year.

September— Attended Leadership the outstanding member of the Training workshop at William Camp- month. bell. Served tea for new members. December— Sent gift to adopted Entered exhibits in Farmville Fair. orphan at Salem Baptist Orphan-Pat Thomas was selected as the age. Served lunches to faculty mem-outstanding member. bers.

October— Mr. Monroe Evans January— Presented a program of Farmville discussed the topic on nutrition. Prepared a bulletin "Under What Conditions Should board on nutrition. Joyce Tolley a Consumer Return a Purchase." was selected as the outstanding Entered Lynchburg Farm Show dre- F. H. A. member. as revue and entered exhibits. February— Presented a program

Barbara Thomas was selected as on "Careers in the Field of Home girl of the month. Economics." Daddy-Date Night was

November— Presented a program held. Diane McCormick was selec-on "Growing as a Future Home- ted as girl of the month. maker." Encouraged members to March— Presented a radio skit on "Getting to Know F. H. A."

F. H. A. Adopts Orphan

This year the members of the Future Homemakers of America, Appomattox Chapter, decided to adopt a girl from Salem Baptist Childrens' Home, as one of their yearly projects. After corresponding with the Superintendent, R. Frankin Hough, Jr., he submitted the name of Reneigh Thacker as our adopted girl. Many of the club members have corresponded with Reneigh. At Christmas, the club members contributed towards a gift for her. An invitation has been extended to her to be our guest at the Mother-Daughter Banquet, to be held on April 18.

Jean Brown was selected as girl of the month and Federation officer candidate.

Presented a fashion show for F. H. A.

April— Prepared and served banquet for the Mothers. Prepared and served a tea for faculty. Played in the Federation Volley ball tournament. Attended Spring rally at Brookville. Presented a radio program on nutrition.

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